

# GREENBELT News Review

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## City Council to Ban Smoking In Roosevelt Center Mall Area

by Kathleen Gallagher

Prohibiting smoking in Roosevelt Center is a topic that has been under discussion in one form or another for at least four years. Mayor Emmett Jordan asked to have it placed on the agenda again for the November 10 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. This time it took, though it was recognized that there may be some loose ends to revisit.

When the issue had come up before – among councilmembers, advisory groups and even the Roosevelt Center merchants – general agreement prevailed that smoking should be banned in the mall area if not more extensively, but not in the details of implementation. Should there be a designated area where people can smoke? If so, where? What about that three-foot distance from the front of businesses where merchants can set their own rules? What about employees of businesses in Roosevelt Center? What about patrons of the businesses who now can step outside to smoke?

This time, Jordan presented

the issue as a simple matter of public health on which the city has been sadly lagging behind the times. He in effect said the council should just do it and continue to work on the details.

Four years ago council prohibited smoking within 25 feet of city recreation facilities. This legislation related to recreation buildings and athletic fields, not parkland. At the same time, council referred a possible Roosevelt Center smoking ban to the Community Relations Advisory Board, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Youth Advisory Committee. Although all three groups supported a smoking ban in the mall area of Roosevelt Center and the sidewalks along Centerway, they were at odds on a location for a designated smoking area. Some areas proposed were not city owned.

In 2011 worksessions, there was not council consensus on whether or how to impose a ban, nor were Roosevelt Center merchants in agreement about the

potential impact on patrons and employees or about where smoking should be allowed.

At this meeting some of these issues were resolved. Councilmember Edward Putens said policy is already in place that can be extended to Roosevelt Center as a city park area. Councilmember Judith Davis said she supported the ban but was concerned about how it could be enforced. She said the city already does not enforce its bans on skateboarding and biking in the Center and that using police time for smoking enforcement would be a problem. She noted council had not been able to resolve issues of designating a smoking area or whether lack of city ownership of land adjacent to buildings there would create problems.

Councilmember Leta Mach quickly dealt with the issues by saying she did not think there was any necessity for council to designate an area where people could

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## Fire Department Honors Council, Residents; Public Art Coming

by Kathleen Gallagher

At its November 10 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council took action on two significant matters: the selection of artists for public art projects to be installed in three locations in the city and banning smoking in the Roosevelt Center Mall. An unexpected item of interest was a surprise offer by Councilmember Judith Davis to commission a work of public art on city property. Both matters here are reported in separate stories.

In other matters of business, four recognitions and proclamations were presented that drew a substantial audience to the meeting. All members of council were present, as were Assistant City Manager David Moran, filling in for City Manager Michael McLaughlin, and City Solicitor John Shay.

### Presentations

First to be recognized by council with a plaque was 10-year-old Haley Rose Moore, who had raised money for the city's animal shelter by selling lemonade over the past year. An extra motivation for her was that her mother had promised to match whatever she could raise.

At the meeting Haley Rose had \$420 to donate, not including a further matching gift expected from Director of City Planning and Community Development

Celia Craze, whose office oversees the shelter. Craze praised Haley Rose for undertaking this "very special" project.

Donations to the shelter are primarily targeted toward expanding the level of medical treatment that is possible for animals who are otherwise healthy and adoptable but have special needs. In this case, the donation will support treatment for a recent adoptee with knee problems.

Since the meeting day was also Haley Rose's 10th birthday, the city council sang a vigorous "Happy Birthday to You." Though not a city resident herself, Haley Rose is the granddaughter of Greenbelter Ann Dunne.

### Tables Turned

Usually it is the mayor and city council who present plaques and proclamations but the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD&RS) turned the tables at its open house on October 18 to honor the city council and all Greenbelt residents.

In a reenactment at the council meeting, members of the GVFD&RS presented a plaque to express thanks for the donations and ongoing support from the council and residents of Greenbelt that enabled them to replace Engine 351, totaled in an ac-

cident two years ago. Chief Thomas Ray, President Brian Rudy, Captain Kelly Lawson and other supporters were present to formally present the plaque to the city.

Explaining that the department tries to replace one of its engines every five years, which puts them on a ten-year rotation, Ray added that it would be impossible for them to do so without the ongoing contributions of the city. Davis explained that the city puts \$50,000 each year into an equipment replacement fund for the department. Equipment purchased with this funding belongs to the GVFD&RS, she said, not to Prince George's County.

Councilmember Edward Putens added that the annual allotment from tax money began as a citizen initiative that has been continued by council as a way of thanking the department for its extensive volunteer service.

### Recycling Day

Mayor Emmett Jordan also read a proclamation declaring November to be Recycling Month in Greenbelt. Recycling Day, on November 15, is set aside nationally to build consumer demand for recycled products and to educate Americans about the environmental and

See **COUNCIL**, page 8

## American Education Week

In celebration of American education, these columns will be telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community. This week readers will get a glimpse inside Robert Goddard French Immersion School and Springhill Lake Elementary School (see page 6).

Organized by Lisa Zammuto, the stories feature teachers or staff members at each school. David Lange, who originated the series, assisted.

## Teaching French Hands-on A Tout Suite by Immersion

by Valerie Young

Singing, dancing and acting out the words are techniques Aby Koundoul uses to teach her second-grade students French at the Robert Goddard French Immersion School.

"You have to be hands-on with second-graders to get their attention," said Koundoul about the young students who are still mastering the language. "If you tell them 'the lion is screaming', just like that, in French, they will not know what is really happening. So if you act it out and do the screaming and say, 'This is the



Aby Koundoul

word for that,' they will understand exactly what you are doing and they will remember it."

Born and raised in Senegal, where the official language is French, Koundoul uses her native dialect to teach her 24 second-graders.

"It's very lively, the way we teach French, because that is the only way they can get it," Koundoul said. "Some words if you don't act them out, they will not know it."

See **KOUNDOUL**, page 7

## When It's English's Turn For French Immersionists

by Valerie Young

During her 36-year teaching career, Robert Goddard French Immersion School English Language Arts (ELA) teacher Alice LaRusso has adapted her teaching style to ensure students receive not only academic education but education on how to treat their peers.

"I think no education is complete without character education because we are supposed to be educating the whole child, not just the academic child," LaRusso said.



Alice LaRusso

Character education, as LaRusso defines it, is educating students to be aware of their actions and how they affect others.

"I tell the children the first day of school that I think the only rule we really need – yes, we have other rules in school – is the Golden Rule," LaRusso said. "Whenever they go into the hallways, I say remember we want to treat others the way we want to be

See **LaRUSSO**, page 7

## What Goes On

### Monday, December 1

**8 p.m.,** Council Worksession with University Square, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

### Tuesday, December 2

**7 p.m.,** Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building  
**7 p.m.,** Public Safety Advisory Committee, Community Center

### Wednesday, December 3

**8 p.m.,** Council Worksession re: Community Center HVAC and GAFC Roof, Community Center



# Letters to the Editor

## Staying In the Swim

Before moving from Glenn Dale to Greenbelt nineteen years ago, I was already a (non-resident) passholder of the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Love doing my laps at the pool. Of late, an imperfection has arisen: the inability of Greenbelt to fill lifeguard positions.

We, in my lovely town, have a City Council concerned enough about fairness, to query possible contractors as to whether they pay a living wage. I'm grateful for the concern. However for lifeguards, it's a simple matter of supply and demand.

Minimum wage in our county is \$8.40 per hour. That's what we offer lifeguards. Surrounding jurisdictions all pay more.

Other city employees, already tasked with their own responsibilities, are regularly filling in as lifeguards. That is a disservice to taxpayers. Speaking only to the bottom line, these permanent workers have benefits, costing much more than even a raised rate of a lifeguard. Pennywise and pound foolish.

The bottom line is, offer the lifeguards a competitive wage.

Elizabeth Gaines

## Sump Pump Issues

I have been reading with growing frustration the Letters to the Editor in the News Review about GHI's Pilot Program, the HIP (Home Improvement Plan) and crawlspace problems. I'm glad people are signing petitions and pressing for the co-op to change course, if needed. It seems like the underlying causes of the problems facing homeowners are not being addressed by the buildings committee, the board, or the maintenance department.

For example, in the November 6 issue of the News Review, it was reported "that in the 20 frame rows that were recently inspected by GHI staff, 80 percent of the crawl space sump pumps are inoperable, despite GHI policy that pumps be inspected every three to five years." It went on to say, "GHI General Manager Eldon Ralph doubted that the crawl space inspections were being done properly." Was Mr. Ralph not the head of maintenance for several years, and therefore responsible for getting inspections done properly?

Is the board not responsible for making sure that policies are followed? If GHI has policies and maintenance standards and they aren't being followed, then there are people, hired and elected, who aren't doing their jobs. Until this is addressed and remedied, the problems will continue.

More importantly, when failed sump pumps were discovered, why weren't they fixed? This discovery should trigger a community-wide inspection, yes, but fixing things should start immediately, not wait for a full inspection.

The HIP is a separate program from regular maintenance. The problems found in the crawl-spaces are due to improper maintenance and therefore should be managed by the maintenance department without further cost to the members--because we have already been paying for these systems to be maintained over the years, and because GHI has a paid staff to do such work. It may take some time for the current staff to make necessary repairs to each unit but it should start immediately and continue until completed.

That has no bearing on the HIP program because all of that work is to be completed by contractors -- if it gets done at all. Since different departments and different monies are in play, GHI should be able to address needed repairs and the HIP without having to delay either one.

Leah Cohen

## Invasive Inaccuracy

The mislabeled photo caption, "English Ivy overtakes the Forest Preserve floor", in last week's News Review (p. 2) misrepresents the invasive situation of the Forest Preserve (FP) to the public. The photo is not of the FP but of a patch of woods in the Lakewood area of the city. This underscores the point Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) members raised several times at last week's worksession on the city's Forest Preserve Guidelines: mistakes, inaccuracies and exaggerations can happen if there is not a process -- a well thought-out management plan in place for controlling and managing invasive species in the FP (as called for in the FP guidelines). This plan can be implemented based on the research data collected from an evaluation as to the health and condition of the FP by a qualified professional forest ecologist.

FPAB has recently provided this recommendation to city council and will be forwarding to them their final report in the weeks ahead.

At the worksession Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested that if citizens or volunteer groups are anxious to help in removing invasives, there are plenty of areas within Greenbelt to do so. There are patches of invasives in the city's parks and recreation

areas: Schrom Hills Park; Buddy Attic Park and around the lake; wooded areas near the ball fields, tennis courts, and the Aquatic Fitness Center; in the wooded area on the west side of the public library; along Crescent Road from the fire station to the Buddy Attic entrance (much English Ivy here); the wooded two acres between the Greenbelt Community Church and Woodland Way; perimeter areas of the wooded Greenbriar Park; the woods at the corner of Ridge Road and Westway; other areas within Greenbelt (as last week's photo indicates) and in GHI.

There are plenty of opportunities for citizen volunteers to focus on in removing invasives in these areas throughout the city areas that are more public and more visible and require more immediate attention than the city's Forest Preserve. The city's Public Works, along with volunteer efforts, should begin ASAP to address the invasives problem in these areas.

Bob Snyder

## Crawl Space Stories Requested

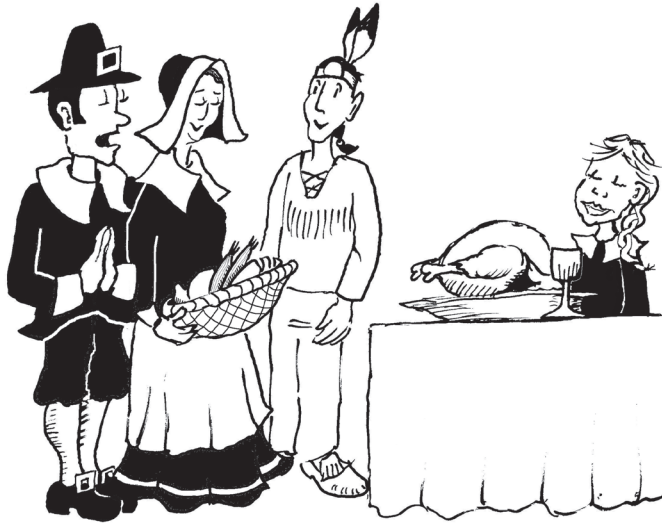
Many of you in GHI are now aware that there are significant issues related to many of our crawl spaces. The Crawl Space Task Force is still working to finalize a report and remediation plan that will soon be submitted to the building committee and the board.

As an appendix to that report, we are compiling member summaries of their experiences dealing with crawl space issues from any type of unit. Many of these have been related verbally during task force meetings and quite a few have been submitted in response to posts on the Greenbelters listserv but we plan to continue collecting stories until December 10.

Until then, you can submit your story by e-mail to 'buggam@gmail.com'. Please let me know if you prefer to have your name used or not. Also, please specify the unit type and the approximate time frame for the problems, resolved or not. If you would like to submit your experiences on paper, please mail them to me at 1E Gardenway.

Thanks neighbors!

Christopher Shuman



ABOVE ALL, WE'RE THANKFUL FOR THE SUCCESSFUL HARVEST WE PURCHASED AT THE FARMER'S MARKET.

PETER REPPARD

## Corrections

In the Thursday, November 20 issue on page 7 under the title Campfire Rings, the News Review stated, "Joe Murray, who had made the request on behalf of Ancestral Knowledge." The request was not made on behalf of Ancestral Knowledge, nor are they a signatory party to that request. The request was made by Murray as a citizen of Greenbelt to help foster community spirit.

A typographical error appeared in last week's obituary of Evan Jack Owens. He joined the Army Air Force on July 10, 1944 and not in 1941.

We were happy to include the photo of the English Ivy that accompanied Willis Witter's letter last week that spoke of concerns in the Forest Preserve but regret that we wrongly identified its location.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



## GUTTER CLEANING

Aerotech Gutter, DCG Cleaning, & Gilbert Construction are performing fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week beginning December 1, work will be in this approximate area:  
**Gardenway Courts 1, 3 & 5, Ridge Courts 30-48, Eastway Courts 1-5, Northway Courts 1-2, & Crescent Courts 56-62**

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.

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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for November 17 through 21 are as follows:

## Orientations for Time Bank to Be Held

The Greenbelt Time Bank is training people to sign up and use the time bank at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road, on the following dates and times:

Thursday, December 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 6 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

The Greenbelt Time Bank is a community system where a person who volunteers one hour of time helping someone else gains an hour time credit. They can use accrued time credits to receive help from someone else. The Greenbelt Time Bank was formed to develop a stronger sense of community through this system of offering and requesting work and services without exchanging money. We invite everyone who lives, works, plays in or visits Greenbelt to join the Greenbelt Time Bank.

Come to the training and orientation to learn the many advantages of using the time bank!

For further information, check the website [GreenbeltTimeBank.org](http://GreenbeltTimeBank.org). Send an email to [greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com](mailto:greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com) to indicate your interest in the training. Interested individuals may also sign up by calling 301-474-2646.

## Investment Club Seeks Members

The Goddard Investment Club, a group of amateur investors who discuss and invest in stocks, is seeking new members. The club meets the second Monday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The next meeting will be held Monday, December 8. For more information email [jdea@hotmail.com](mailto:jdea@hotmail.com).

## Greenbelt East Tree Lighting on Dec. 7

Greenbelt East Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 7 at 6 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Join us in singing carols, drinking hot chocolate and eating delicious cookies.

## Select Soccer Teams To Meet Nov. 30

There will be a season review and organizational meeting of the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance (GSA) select teams on November 30 at 5 p.m. in room 114 of the Community Center. GSA sponsors both recreational and select soccer teams. Recreational teams play a spring and fall schedule while select teams also have summer and winter activities. Participants can play either in a select recreational or a travel league that may use a paid coach. GSA sponsors selected teams at the U12 age and above.

At the meeting, GSA will review the past season and lay plans for the upcoming seasons for the three selected teams that GSA currently sponsors. Items to be discussed will include plans for winter indoor soccer, league destinations for the spring season, distribution of club duties, coach training and more. Other members of the Greenbelt community interested in learning more about select soccer are welcome to attend or see [greenbeltsoccer.org](http://greenbeltsoccer.org).

## Something For Everyone

Anyone looking for a unique gift item may very well find it at the American Legion Auxiliary’s Craft Fair on Saturday, November 29th. Over 25 tables of mainly handcrafted items from light-houses to custom cupcakes and beeswax to handmade rolling pins will be offered. Of course there will be jewelry – from whimsical glass pendants to semiprecious stones – as well as raw honey, scarves, soaps, ornaments, table decorations and wreaths. The fair will be held in the main hall of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no admission charge so come on up, avoid the shopping center crowds and browse for that perfect gift.

## GHI Notes

Friday November 28, OFFICE CLOSED – Emergency maintenance will be available.

Monday December 1, 7 p.m. – Pre Purchase Orientation – Board Room

Thursday December 4, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) – Board Room

Friday December 5, OFFICE CLOSED – Emergency Maintenance will be available.

Monday December 8, 7 p.m. – Marketing Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Monday December 8, 7:30 p.m. – Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

Tuesday December 9, 8:30 a.m. – Yardlines Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Tuesday December 9, 7:30 p.m. – Companion Animal Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Wednesday December 10, 7:30 p.m. – Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday December 11, 6:30 p.m. – Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday December 11, 7:30 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

More Community Events  
can be found  
throughout the paper.

## ERHS Winter Concert Dec. 4

The Winter Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the Symphony Orchestra and Roosevelt Strings, directed by Dr. David Yarbrough; the Roosevelt and Symphonic Bands, directed by Sally Wagner; and the Chamber Choirs directed by Michele Fowlin. The ERHS band, orchestra and choir programs draw students from all over northern Prince George’s County. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

## Shop with a Cop To Be Held Dec. 13

The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police annual Shop with a Cop will take place Saturday, December 13 at Beltway Plaza. This program partners children in need with police officers, allowing children to purchase Christmas presents for themselves and family members. Each child is allotted a budget of \$100 and transported to a local store to make purchases, then to a present-wrapping party with pizza. Children are selected through nominations by their elementary school.

Funding for this program is provided by donations. For further information, contact Scott Kaiser at 240-542-2135 or [Skaiser@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:Skaiser@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday  
10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Most features are \$5.00  
all day on Tuesdays; add \$2.00 for 3-D  
R = ID Required  
(!) = No passes, (!!) = No passes weekend  
\* Not part of the morning and Tuesday discount shows

## WEEK OF NOV 28

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Horrible Bosses, R\*  
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Penguins of Madagascar, in 3D, PG  
(!!)\*  
4:40, 9:30  
Penguins of Madagascar, in 2D, PG  
(!!)\*  
11:10, 11:50, 1:35, 2:20, 4, 7  
Hunger Games: “Mockingjay Pt. 1”, PG-13 (!)\*  
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Dumb and Dumber, PG-13 (!)  
11, 1:55, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05  
Beyond the Lights, PG-13  
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Big Hero 6, PG  
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Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction  
with American Legion Post 136  
**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!**  
Pancakes • Syrup • Sausages • Eggs  
Photos with Santa, Laughter & Merriment

December 6, 8 to 11 a.m.

Children 12 and younger – Free, All others – \$7/person

At the American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Rd, Greenbelt, MD

For more information call 301-474-8964 or 301-474-3766



## Greenbelt Arts Center THIS WEEK

### THE HEROES TALE



Written by Cheryl Butler-Poole  
Directed by Gregory Poole  
Guest Production from  
GroundWork Entertainment

November 29 at 3:00 & 8:00pm

General Admission:  
\$15 matinee; \$20 evening  
Buy Tickets online at  
[www.theheroestale.com](http://www.theheroestale.com)

### WHICH ME DO YOU WANT TO SEE?



Written by Makayla Messam

November 30 at 5:00pm

Tickets can be booked via email  
at [audleyjr85@gmail.com](mailto:audleyjr85@gmail.com)  
by 2pm before the show on  
November 30th for \$20;  
or purchase at the door for \$25.

### COMING SOON

A (Comic) Christmas Carol - Dec 5-7 - Guest production by The Renaissance Man  
The Chromatics - Dec 13 & 14 - Holiday Concert

For information & reservations, call **301-441-8770** or  
email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or  
**BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)  
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### Members Only

“Black Friday’s Race through Premiere” class  
Friday, Nov. 28th, 10AM-6PM

Skip the malls and learn Adobe Premiere editing software instead! Basic computer skills required. Previous editing experience a plus.

### Open to the Public – Orientation Class

Want to make a video?

The first step is to attend the GATE Orientation class.  
Learn about our policies and procedures to find out if  
Public Access is right for you!

Tuesday, December 2nd, 7:30-10PM

Mark your calendar! Last Orientation of 2014!

Seating is limited.

RSVP for a seat at: [GreenbeltAccess@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltAccess@gmail.com)

See what's showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FiOS 19  
at [www.greenbelttv.org](http://www.greenbelttv.org) and click on “schedule”



# Trail Crew Volunteers Assist With Projects at Greenbelt Park

by Joey Trull

Volunteers worked with the Trail Crew on Saturday, November 22, at Greenbelt Park to install a new bench along a trail and cut fallen trees that blocked trails. John Hampton has been volunteering on a weekly basis with trail reconstruction and other duties at Greenbelt Park for over four years.

The volunteers gather at the Sweetgum Picnic Area the third Saturday of most months from 8:45 a.m. to noon as part of the Trail Crew’s monthly volunteer opportunity. The volunteer group meets to assist with trail reconstruction, mile marker signs, bench repair and tree trimming.

National Park Service Ranger John Reid said volunteers at Greenbelt Park use hand tools while the power tools are left to the professionals, the park employees. The Trail Crew meets with interested volunteers The November 22 volunteer opportunity was the last session of the year, said Hampton. He said it was getting too cold outside to do anything else in the park for the remainder of the year.

The next volunteer opportunity is tentatively scheduled for the third Saturday in April.

Many joggers enjoyed the trails that morning with temperatures in the low 20s when volunteers arrived.

“I hope it gets up to 40 degrees before we leave today,” said Hampton.

The temperature reached 40 degrees by noon when the volunteer opportunity ended, just barely granting Hampton’s wish.

A group of five volunteers

came out to Greenbelt Park on November 22. They were University of Maryland students volunteering as part of a service project for the Environment, Technology and Economy program at the university.

Reid thanked them for supporting Greenbelt Park. He said they largely rely on volunteers to get much of the work completed since park employees have many duties including working on the roads, which takes up a lot of their time.

The crew traveled on Perimeter Trail to reach the location of the bench that needed replacing. Volunteers dug holes with post-hole diggers and digging bar tools. The holes were about 2 feet deep with 1 foot diameter for the posts of the bench. A cement-like construction product, RC-6, was used to hold the bench in place by filling in the newly dug holes.

Two student volunteers held the bench in place while others broke up the recycled concrete material with a pickaxe to fill in the holes around the posts.

Hampton and volunteers finished installing the bench and invited this reporter to sit and test it out.

Reid instructed volunteers to leave trees dangerously overhanging the trail to the maintenance park employees and their chainsaws. Hampton agreed it would be a hazard to have volunteers work on them.

Hampton said volunteers manage only trees already on the ground. Volunteers cut fallen trees on trails into sizes manage-

able by the park’s John Deere Gator vehicles.

In one instance, two volunteers stood on either side of a large tree on the Perimeter Trail and used a handsaw to cut it in half. Some trail reconstruction was performed by volunteers in September. Despite their work efforts, some areas of the trail were still in dire need of repair.

Hampton said that check dams, man-made dams used to counteract erosion by reducing water flow strength, are needed on parts of the trails to slow down or divert water flow to protect them.

“This is what 50 years of erosion looks like,” Hampton said, referring to the damaged and eroded parts of the trail.

The focal project next year will be to rebuild the material that makes up the trails themselves, said Hampton.

Hampton said that Greenbelt Park offers validation for community service hours for high school and college students working with the Trail Crew. He added that there are many volunteers in the spring but few in the fall.

Hampton said Greenbelt Park is a “nice park” and the only one in the area that provides camping. He said many people come to D.C., the Washington area from all over the country and camp at Greenbelt Park, then take public transportation to tourist activities.

*Joey Trull is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.*



Condolences to News Review staffer Dea Zugby on the death of her sister, Roma Nedeff, who died November 5, 2014. She lived in Parkersburg, W.V.a.

**Congratulations to:**

– James Simms, a star line-backer at Reservoir High School in Fulton, who now is accumulating more honors at Towson University, where he was awarded a full-ride scholarship for five years. At Reservoir, he was selected for the All-Met team, was MVP in his sophomore and senior years and was named Howard County’s Best Defensive Player in his senior year. At Towson, after sitting out last year as a “red-shirt” freshman, he is playing this year and has already been named Rookie of the Week in the Colonial Athletic Association twice. James has been selected as one of 21 players from all over the country who were nominated for Jerry Rice’s “Watch List.” The winner will be announced December 15 in Philadelphia. James is the son of former Greenbelters Matthew and

Sandy Palmerton and the grandson of Kathy Reynolds.

– Eleanor Roosevelt High School student and football offensive lineman Isaiah Prince, who has been selected to the 2015 U.S. Army All-American Bowl. Isaiah was honored before his teammates, classmates, fans and family on Monday, November 24. Isaiah is one of the 90 football players and 125 marching band members invited to the U.S. Army All-American Bowl at the Alamodome on January 3. Players are chosen not only because they excel on the football field but because they possess the strengths similar to Army soldiers of mental, emotional and physical toughness.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards and honors to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and West. To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at [news-review@verizon.net](mailto:news-review@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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The concert is free but canned food donations to the College Park Food Bank or monetary donations to World Vision will be accepted.

The Dominion Brass, a large brass and percussion ensemble made up of professional musicians and music educators from the Washington, D.C. area, has raised over \$30,000 for local charities since 2002.

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The holidays are upon us once again, and often they are a time of stress. There are so many things to do, and so many expectations to fulfill, that it can be overwhelming. On this Sunday, as the holidays get rolling full speed, I will share some tips I've learned over the years for dealing with stress.

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# Coit Hendley Wins 2014 Agnes Meyer Teacher Award

by Marcel Warfield

Coit Hendley, an Eleanor Roosevelt High School Advanced Placement chemistry teacher, won the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award from the Washington Post this past spring. The Post has honored teaching excellence in the Washington region for the last three decades, recognizing more than 500 teachers who have won the award.

The award was named after Agnes Meyer, the wife of Eugene Meyer, the man who purchased The Post in 1933.

Agnes Myer was a supporter of education and believed in the motto, “Quality education is essential to the well-being of our society, and good teachers are the foundation of our educational system.”

Hendley said his interest in chemistry came from his desire to know how things worked. His desire led him to major in chemistry at Cornell University. Later, he received his masters degree from the University of Maryland in science and education.

Hendley has been teaching for the last 37 years and has been at Roosevelt for 22 years.

Although Hendley could have pursued other career opportunities with his educational background, he chose teaching because of the personal satisfaction he receives. “I enjoy working with the kids,” he said. “I have done this for so long because I enjoy the interaction with the students.”

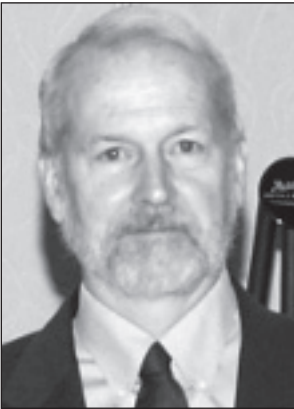
He recalled one of the rewarding moments of his teaching career to be when he helped a Vietnamese student who knew very little English and had recently lost his father to a car accident. The student was initially very quiet in class. Hendley’s expectation was the student would not perform as well as others due to the language barrier, but the student kept a Vietnamese to English dictionary. He spent the entire year translating and receiving help from Hendley. At the end of the year, he thanked Hendley for all he had done.

Hendley did not think he had done much, but it was in this moment that Hendley realized even the small things have an impact on the lives of students.

Dina Goldberg-Strassler, a former student, describes Hendley as calm and kind. “He was never mean or angry.”

Goldberg-Strassler graduated from Roosevelt in 2007 and she went on to major in biology and minor in chemistry at the University of Delaware. This past May she received her masters degree from Arcadia University, where she studied genetic counseling.

It was the influence of Hendley that aided Goldberg-Strassler in her decision to minor in chemistry, she said. His use of interesting examples like “super freezing” and concern for each student’s performance “made her appreciate science and enjoy chemistry.”



Coit Hendley

Hendley’s class played a pertinent role in her understanding of sciences and without it Goldberg-Strassler said she would not have succeeded in science as well as she did. Student passion to learn motivates Hendley to keep going. As a teacher he enjoys seeing them work through the challenges in the classroom. He said aiding his students through obstacles is one of the more difficult things to do, but he has learned to be both a cheerleader and entertainer.

Hendley was recognized in 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2010 for having the highest number of African American students to pass the AP chemistry exam in the country.

Hendley enjoys receiving good AP scores, but his primary goal is “preparation for college.” He wants his students to walk out of his class and enter a college classroom without fear.

Marcel Warfield is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.

# Greenbelt’s Festival of Lights Will Hold Its Annual Fair

Greenbelt’s Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, December 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. The fair promises a wide array of handmade wares by local artisans. Also included will be a hands-on workshop, prize drawing, open studios and more. Parking and admission are free.

The Art and Craft Fair will showcase the talents of more than 60 new and returning artisans in four rooms on the first floor of the Community Center. Shoppers will find beautiful and useful gifts for all occasions, including glassware, wood crafts, ceramics, skin care products, hats, scarves, bags, jewelry, musical instruments, ornaments, decorative papers, notecards, journals and more. Baby blankets, toddler clothing and toys will be on sale. Maryland writers will be on hand with their publications and local artists will offer an array of affordable paintings, prints and photography.

Non-profit exhibitors will include Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the Greenbelt Girl Scouts and the Greenbelt Co-operative Nursery School. The



PHOTO BY THOMAS PENTZ

Some of the friendly faces awaiting guests at the Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair - sock monkeys by participating artist Lucie Pentz.

Greenbelt Arts Center will sponsor a café during fair hours.

On Saturday, enter a drawing to win \$50 in Art Bucks to spend at the Art and Craft Fair by voting for a favorite artisan in each of the show’s four rooms. Entry forms will be available at the Recreation De-

partment Arts Program table in front of the stage in the gymnasium. The winner of the drawing will be contacted on Sunday morning and will have all day to shop.

## Artists in Residence

The Community Center hosts the studios of nine Artists in Residence. Some studios will be open throughout the hours of the fair, with works in many media available for purchase.

On Sunday, December 7, Artist in Residence Kathy Karlson will lead a free workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. in room 113, in which guests of all ages can create unique “monoprints.” Registration is not required; wear painting clothes.

The Community Center is also home to the production studio of Greenbelt Access Television, which will be open on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for a GAVA/GATE youth animation program open house.

Other special activities happening nearby on Sunday will include the Greenbelt Farmers Market’s outdoor Holiday Market (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and tours of the Greenbelt Museum’s historic house at 10-B Crescent Road, decorated for the holidays (1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for a nominal fee).



# City Information

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 1-5

Monday, December 1 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ University Square** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, December 3 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Community Center HVAC and GAFC Roof** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

**All meetings listed are open to the public. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.**

## WANTED: WELCOME PACKET MATERIALS!

The City of Greenbelt will be compiling Welcome Packets for new residents in January. Local businesses, groups, organizations are encouraged to provide materials to include in these packets. Flyers, coupons, promotional items, etc. Please provide 300 of what you would like to include to the city office, attention Beverly Palau, at 25 Crescent Road by Friday, January 16th. If you have any questions, please contact [bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov) or at 240-542-2026.

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## LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from November 3, 2014 until January 16, 2015. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles. **Info: 301-474-8004**  
**December 1-5:** Lakeside, Greenspring I & II  
**December 8-12:** Boxwood  
**December 15-19:** Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates

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# Librarian Carrie Gardner Works to Spread Literacy

by Sharadha Kalyanam

For Carrie Gardner, being a school librarian has a larger purpose than simply running the library. It is to spread literacy and enable students to participate in the American democracy.

“Libraries are very relevant because we provide access to electronic resources as well as print resources. And young people, especially, need to develop their literacy skills if they are going to participate in American democracy,” says Gardner, the librarian at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Gardner has been working here for the last 2 ½ years.

“I enjoy sharing stories with children, increasing their vocabulary and helping them learn how to improve their literacy,” she says.

Gardner has classes every 40 minutes and sees one class each from kindergarten to the fifth grade on a typical day.

Exposing the children to over 13,000 books available at the library, Gardner also gains in the process.

“Our students come from all over the world, so I learn about their cultures. But they are wonderful little individuals so I get to know 850 students who have unique interesting personalities,” she says with a smile.

She believes in striving to become a better instructor. “I am always reading new books and thinking about how to incorporate them into the curriculum.”

With older students Gardner does realistic fiction and for the younger students she recommends a lot of the literature that involves animals and things that they enjoy.

Previously, Gardner worked as a high school librarian in Palmyra, New Jersey, and Hershey, Pennsylvania. She also spent nine years as an instructor at San Jose State University and Kutztown University.

“When I was a little girl, I always wanted to be an elementary school librarian and then I went to college and all my professors said, ‘Oh, you are such a good teacher you should teach



Carrie Gardner

adults,’ she says.

Later in life, Gardner realized that she did not want to retire someday not having been an elementary school librarian.

“So I decided that if I could find a job as an elementary school librarian I would do this for a number of years,”

she says.

Gardner is so popular among her students that they still involve her in their lives, years after finishing school.

“I am on Facebook and about 250 of my friends are students I had in high school and I think it’s wonderful. Not a year goes by when a student does not email me on Facebook and say, ‘Oh Ms. Gardner I remember when you did this,’ and frankly sometimes what they are discussing is 20 years ago,” she says. “So social media allows me to receive feedback on the impact I made on a child 20 years ago. And that’s been really positive.”

She has an undergraduate degree in library science and education from Millersville University. She has also completed a master’s in library science from University of Pittsburgh, a masters in educational administration from Temple University and a master’s in reading from Edinboro University, Pennsylvania.

Gardner shares a unique fact about herself: she adopted one of her high school students.

“In the late 90s, I was a high school librarian and I became very close to a young man who was available for adoption. I ended up adopting one of my high school students, and I have gained a son and his two wonderful children because of the impression I made as a high school librarian,” she says.

Gardner lives in Bowie. She enjoys reading books and also uses a Kindle.

Her favorite books include Mean Jean the Recess Queen. She also likes The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt, and Hoot by Carl Hiaasen.

Sharadha Kalyanam is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

# Art Exchange Events Set for December

All December events at the College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) will take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted.

Arts Workshop: Wreath Making on December 6 from 2 to 6 p.m. RSVP at 301-927-3013. There is a fee. Volunteers will lead in decorating beautiful wreaths in a community setting. Fun for teens and adults.

Nutcracker Ballet with Connect the Dots Dance on December 7. Ballet dancers will perform to this beautiful, familiar music. At 3 p.m. there is a general admission performance, perfect for young children and their families. At 4 p.m. there is an autism friendly performance, with dimmed lighting and softer music.

College Park Chorale will hold its Winter Concert on December 21 at 7 p.m., followed by caroling.

## Children’s Drop-in

Arts Specialists Aaron Springer and Ann Potter lead fun arts workshops for children ages 3 to 8 with their parents. Free monthly Arts Drop-in at College Park Community Center meets on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon, and at the Old Parish House on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. December 13 and 14. To learn more, call 301-474-1210.

## Book Club

CPAE Book Club will be moving to Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. to explore nonfiction by women. On December 16, the book is Unbowed by Wangari Maathai. In it, the Nobel Prize winner recounts her extraordinary journey from childhood in rural Kenya to the world stage. When Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement in 1977, she began a vital poor people’s environmental movement, focused on the empowerment of women, that spread across Africa.

The CPAE Photography Club will be meeting at the same time.

# SHL Elementary’s Parent Liaison Loves her Job

by Sharadha Kalyanam

“Working with kids is fantastic. I really put my heart into it,” says Aida Mendoza, who handles Parents Liaison at the Springhill Lake Elementary School in Greenbelt.

She wanted to be a teacher since she was a child. The native of El Salvador, who moved to the United States when she was 12, struggling to learn English during her high school days, said her experience brought her into the teaching profession.

“I went through a lot while learning the language during school. So I decided that I want to help students,” she says.

Mendoza started coming in to school as a volunteer for parents. Then she was hired and has been in her current role since 1999.

She says that at the time, Hispanic parents and immigrant parents had many questions.

“Parents were there in the school but they did not know where to go, how to do paperwork and help their own child. I was there in the school teaching English and parents were coming to me for translation, interpreting, conferences and homework help and at that time, I helped create the position,” she says.

Mendoza’s typical day starts in the parking lot when parents approach her in need of help. Then she has four or five parents waiting at the door, saying they need help either with attendance or a problem the student has had in school.

“It is a great experience working with parents, helping them navigate the system, and helping students when they come to school,” Mendoza says.

She helps parents with students when they miss homework, attendance or with behavioral problems. Mendoza also works with Greenbelt CARES. Mendoza handles students studying in kindergarten to fifth grade.

“They have a program for parents. We had a lot of parents take advantage of the eight-week program,” she says. “We have English classes for parents too.”



Aida Mendoza

She faces several challenges on the job as well, like ensuring parent involvement, including getting them involved in the activities and meetings.

“In the last five years, there has been a lack of parent involvement in school,” she says. I don’t know if it is because of financial situations or

parents just think that the school is going to do everything for them,” she adds.

She says that participating in the school’s Parent-Teacher Association or PTA is hard.

There are several things that Mendoza has learned on her job.

“Every parent is different,” she says. I learned not to judge parents by what they look like or how they act. I wait for them to come to me.”

“If they don’t come, there is a reason behind it. They may be too shy to say that there is a problem at home. I am here to help everybody. Parents come to me and say ‘I need help.’ I have the resources and go over and beyond and do it,” she says. “I know I am helping the students and a family.”

Mendoza has helped parents solve the most difficult and serious problems, including domestic violence and children being abused physically and sexually.

“If I touch somebody’s life, I can go home and feel that I did something good on that day,” she says.

Mendoza says kids come to her and open up to her. “They trust me. I don’t give them the whole solution but I sometimes just direct them to a certain way that is right,” she says.

Mendoza’s first job was with the National Council of La Raza in Washington. On completing her bachelor’s degree in business administration from Montgomery College, she came to Springhill Lake Elementary School. She is a resident of Landover Hills and has a son and a daughter.

Sharadha Kalyanam is a graduate student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.

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At the Robert Goddard French Immersion School, all subjects are taught in French such as health, math, science and social studies. English classes are not taught in French.

Koundoul uses pictures and technology, such as SMART boards, iPads and computer labs to help the students grasp the different concepts.

“We are very well equipped for them and they [the students] use it. They really do use the technology in the school,” Koundoul said.

Koundoul initially didn’t know she wanted to be a teacher. She received a bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of Quebec in Canada. However, after a few years of working different jobs, Koundoul began working as a teaching assistant for a French program at a private school.

“I knew that was what I wanted to do,” Koundoul said.

Koundoul went back to school and graduated from Strayer University with a masters of education in instructional technology and became a certified primary and middle school teacher.

During her nearly 17-year career at the Robert Goddard French Immersion School she has taught first-grade and fifth-grade.

Principal Nassar Abi, who started with Koundoul years ago, said that she is the type of teacher that principals love to have on their team.

“She is very dedicated to what she does, is well regarded by her peers and has been doing a great job since she’s been with the program. All the kids love her. Her students, they love her. She has been very phenomenal in terms of dealing with kids,” Abi said.

Abi said he never had a discipline or classroom management issue with Koundoul. “Most of the dedicated teachers, they tend to handle everything themselves.” Abi also said he loves teachers who do their job and do it well.

Koundoul believes that fluency in another language is essential to the children’s future in a growing global market.

“By the time they will be looking for a job, it will be very important to have at least two languages, globally, to be able to be in competition. It’s a plus for them.” They can deal with anybody in the world. “They are great students. They are ready to learn.”

*Valerie Young is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.*

treated. No matter what we are reading, whatever we are talking about, I really try to throw in my character education words of wisdom.”

There is an idiom that LaRusso said she uses in the classroom all the time: “Do the right thing even if no one is watching you.”

LaRusso grew up in Hyattsville and attended Prince George’s County Public Schools her entire academic life. She said that she has always wanted to be a teacher and teaching has always been a part of her life.

“I remember in fifth grade, I stayed inside at recess to help kids with long division because I got to write on the blackboard with them,” LaRusso said.

In high school, she volunteered at local centers helping people with severe learning and growth issues. When she was a senior in high school, she volunteered at University Park Elementary School and tutored first graders all afternoon.

“I don’t know when I finally said ‘I’m going to be a teacher.’ It was kind of just always in me. That is what I always wanted,” LaRusso said.

LaRusso went on to pursue a bachelor’s degree, double majoring in elementary and special education and a masters degree in reading education, both from the University of Maryland. She was a special education teacher for years before coming to the French Immersion School.

As the ELA teacher, LaRusso teaches students in second through fifth grades. In these classes she teaches reading and writing in English. Her class time is the only time that the students are allowed to speak in English in the French Immersion School.

“I love having the variety of children,” LaRusso said about her different grade levels of students. “Because different ages have different traits and learn in different ways and it’s fun.”

She has seen the many changes in education during her career. She said she enjoys the new Common Core curriculum. She has seen good strategies come and go.

The third through fifth graders learn a technique called ‘inner conversation,’ where the teacher leads the students to visualize, ask questions and make connections to better comprehend text.

“Children who are really struggling with comprehension, if you ask them to make connections all of a sudden it starts coming together for them,” LaRusso said.

The connection can be to something the student read before, a connection to the world or a connection to themselves.

Principal Nassar Abi said LaRusso adapts to new situations and is helpful.

“That’s what makes a teacher great. It’s not just doing the same thing,” said Abi of LaRusso’s teaching style. “She knows how to adjust to different situations. She’s been here for a long time. She has seen generations and generations of kids and their parents.”

LaRusso is heavily involved in other activities at the school.

“She’s helping the school in so

many different ways,” said Abi. “Not just in the classroom. She’s here before and after school. In fact, she and her colleagues are receiving the kids in the gym and helping them to the classroom. She’s always on time. She’s our notetaker in all of our staff meetings. She is very helpful.”

LaRusso said her goal is to teach well-rounded students, who in the future become well-rounded people who can survive in society, have jobs and do not need remedial help.

While LaRusso is not fluent at French, she understands the importance of a second language because her daughter and son both attended the French Immersion program years ago.

“I think it gives the children a really good vocabulary basis,” LaRusso said. “Learning a second language is a phenomenal outcome for these children. They are coming out bilingual and can travel and can read things with and about people around the world. We have native speakers here, which is lovely, because the children are getting a variety of accents and viewpoints of the world,” said LaRusso about the diversity of teachers at the school. “I think it opens all of their minds and makes the world smaller, when you learn about other cultures.”

Abi said he is proud of the teachers he has in his program. “They are just great. I’m proud to have these kinds of teachers in the building. That makes the program, who we are, a national blue ribbon school.”

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economic benefits of recycling. Luisa Robles, the city’s recycling coordinator, described the many activities that occur in conjunction with Recycling Month in Greenbelt.

One of these, currently underway, is the “Win with Your Bin” contest, whereby Public Works Department staff inspect everyone’s recycling bins for two weeks and report back on those that are put in the correct location for pickup and include only appropriate, clean items. “They are out there now,” Robles said.

Another annual event marked by a proclamation read by the mayor is Municipal Government Month. Jordan presented it to the city’s Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau who described a number of events occurring in November under this theme.

A new addition this year on the home page of the city web site is a rotating feature on a council or staff member with interesting and sometimes little-known tidbits about the person. The “Municipal Government Works” flag is also being flown for the month outside the Municipal Building.

### County Legislation

Three bills have been introduced in the Prince George’s County Council to help address different aspects of human trafficking, which has been identified as a serious problem in this area. The bills were placed on the agenda to determine whether council wished to take a position on them. Assistant City Manager David Moran said each has several co-sponsors and he expected the bills to pass.

Davis made a motion to support CB-80 which would require training of staff at hotels, motels and rooming houses to identify trafficking, and CB-81, which would (1) increase the annual license fee for managing a massage establishment from \$100 to \$250 and (2) require that applicants for massage establishment or massage technician licenses provide with their application a copy or verification of their license or registration with the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners.

Davis did not include in her motion CB-79, which would prohibit the renting of hotel rooms by the hour except in limited circumstances, because she considered it to be poorly designed in terms of allowing legitimate uses and needs of hotels. She also noted that the director of the county’s conference and visitor bureau does not support it.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he would support the bills if the fee increase were deleted from CB-81. After some discussion, Davis’ motion was amended to include the condition that the fee increase be eliminated and with that change was supported by council.

### Committee Reports

Council received two reports from its advisory groups. Because of its concerns that trees in areas near Roosevelt Center and along Southway are being damaged by the use of rock salt to de-ice roads and parking lots, the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) submitted a report recommending that calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) be substituted for rock salt in those areas this winter. The committee submitted a prior report on this subject about two years ago.

ACT also advises that spreading of rock salt be performed by pickup trucks to avoid salt deposition outside of street curbs. Staff recommended adding this report to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

The city’s Park and Recreation Advisory Board submitted a report indicating its support for the concept of building a new outdoor fitness area in Schrom Hills Park that would replace an existing series of fitness stations. This project would depend upon receipt of a grant for which a proposal has been submitted.

The city council also adopted a resolution introduced at the November 3 meeting to add James River Solutions of Richmond to the city’s negotiated purchase resolution, in response to a change in award of the Metropolitan Council of Governments’ vendor contract under which the city purchases unleaded gasoline.



**Representatives of the Greenbelt Fire Department & Rescue Squad present a plaque to the city council and residents of Greenbelt in thanks for their generous support in helping the department to replace Engine 351, which was totaled in an accident two years ago.**

**Front row: Robert Tripe, Trisha Bayles, President Brian Rudy, President Tom Ray, Public Information Officer Kelly Lawson, Pauline Bordas and Barry Bordas. Back row: Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Leta Mach, Edward Putens, Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmembers Judith Davis, Silke Pope and Rodney Roberts.**



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**Haley Rose Moore, age 10, receives a plaque from the Greenbelt City Council in appreciation for her donation, raised by lemonade sales, to the city animal shelter. L. to R.: Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Leta Mach, Edward Putens, Mayor Emmett Jordan; Haley Rose, and Councilmembers Silke Pope, Judith Davis and Rodney Roberts.**

### Star Party to Tour The Moon Nov. 29

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a guided tour of the moon, telescopically, at its star party on Saturday evening, November 29 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, located at Northway field. Through a separate telescope visitors will be observing planets (Mars, Neptune and Uranus) and deep sky objects, such as galaxies, star clusters and planetary nebulae. Visitors are also welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 6 p.m. and continue for about two hours. There is no fee for the event. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

### At the Library

Storytimes will be presented on Tuesday, December 2: Toddler Storytime, 2 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people; and Thursday, December 4: Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people; Baby Storytime, 12:15 p.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people.

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### Santa Hosts Pancake Breakfast

There will be a “Breakfast With Santa” pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 6 at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, located at 6900 Greenbelt Road, from 8 to 11 a.m. There is a charge for adults. Children 12 and under are free with a paying adult.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk, hot chocolate and orange juice.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with the Greenbelt American Legion. All profits from this event will be used for charitable Club projects.

To find out more about the Lions Club, come to the breakfast or call 301-474-8964 or 301-474-3766.

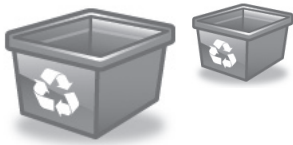
### City Notes

The Animal Shelter was awarded a spay/neuter grant and also has received approximately \$800 in donations.

Horticulture/Parks crews supervised a contractor transplanting a rescued 30-foot crape myrtle tree to replace the dying oak at the Municipal Building.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability staff attended the Capital Area Food Bank composting workshop, learning how to do vermicomposting (composting with worms) and now will be able to train residents as well.

Crews also collected 28.68 tons of refuse and 13.24 tons of recyclable material.



### Klezmer Concert Botanic Garden

The U.S. Botanic Garden will be the site of a free concert of Live Seasonal Music on Thursday, December 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. Lox & Vodka will be performing klezmer music in the Conservatory Garden Court. Evenings at the conservatory are magical. Join this live seasonal music in the Garden Court. Limited seating is available on a first come, first served basis.

### Mt. Rainier Offers Family Hike

On Saturday, November 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. explore the great outdoors with a park naturalist. Enjoy trail hiking while learning about local plants and animals. There is a small fee. All ages are welcome at the Mt. Rainier Nature and Recreation Center, 4701 31st Place, Mt. Rainier. For more information call 301-927-2163; TTY 301-699-2544.

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# Curves Will Be Closing Its Roosevelt Center Location

by Karen Tang

Curves of Greenbelt, the exercise center at 103 Centerway, will be closing at the end of 2014. Manager and owner, Amber Enfield, has been a part of the business since Curves opened its Greenbelt center in 2004. The center operated well during the first five years but it took a hit when the economy declined. Within the last two years, memberships have slowly decreased. Curves has also made it hard for Enfield to abide by their franchise rules. The company will shut down for lack of memberships and the inability to keep up with bill payments. “It’s very upsetting,” Enfield said. “I’ve been here for 10 years. I have good relationships with the members.” “I’m heartsick,” Amelia Bottalico, 82, of Hyattsville said. “That’s the one thing that picks my mood up and I can face the rest of the day.” Bottalico has been a member

of Curves’ locations for 10 years. She is upset that the business will be shut down by the end of December. “I’ve closed three [Curves] down,” Bottalico said. “I’m a bad omen.” Enfield has encouraged members to transfer either to Curves in Glenn Dale or in Silver Spring. Curves is different than most traditional gyms. It is a unique weight management facility specifically designed for women. Members work out in a fun and comfortable environment. The 30-minute Curve circuit combines strength and cardio conditioning. Dionne Bush, 47, of Bowie enjoys the circuit training. She plans to switch to a different Curves location. “I like curves. I like the whole idea of this concept,” Bush said. *Karen Tang is a graduate journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.*

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smoke. She said council’s job is limited to saying where on city property smoking is not allowed. “Any place that’s leftover is the smoking area,” she concluded. Putens agreed. Councilmember Silke Pope said she supported the ban but, like Davis, was concerned about enforcement. She said, “I don’t want to create rules and regulations and end up not being able to enforce them. It makes no sense.” She asked what the penalty would be. Councilmember Konrad Herling agreed that enforcement is a legitimate concern. He and Pope also continued to be of the opinion that a smoking area should be defined. As to enforcement, Jordan said he anticipated a reasonable amount of voluntary compliance without a need for close enforcement. He said the primary function of enforcement might be to give someone disturbed by illegal smoking a recourse for complaint. Mach stuck to her guns, maintaining that the city’s responsibility was only to say where smoking was not allowed, not where it was allowed. Councilmember Rodney Roberts agreed with Mach. He asked City Solicitor John Shay what the penalties would be if the ban were enforced with other park rules under section 12-49 of the city code. Shay replied that it would be treated as a municipal infraction, and Moran provided the information that under section 12-49 the first offense is \$50, the second is \$100 and every subsequent violation is \$250.

Roberts asked what exactly is Roosevelt Center? In his mind it included the area down the hill behind the Mother and Child Statue and the area across Centerway, including the Veterans Memorial. Mach moved to prohibit smoking at Roosevelt Center, post regulations in a positive fashion and enforce other park rules. Roberts seconded but pointed out that his question about what was included in the “Roosevelt Center” ban had not been addressed. Moran agreed. He said the term “Roosevelt Center” might primarily mean the mall area to most people but in fact had no specific meaning, since the city owns everything over there except the buildings, including the parking areas. Jordan said what he had in mind was just the “plaza” area in the center of the mall, including a

rectangle from the statue up to and including the benches at the entrance to the underpass. He said he didn’t want to extend it to the parking lots, just create a smoke-free space in the middle of the center. Pope expressed concern that it would be a mistake not to include the Veterans Memorial. Roberts pushed to extend the ban to all city park areas, but the rest of the council was not willing to go down that road at this time. Debate continued until Putens successfully moved to call the question. That motion and the main motion prohibiting smoking in the area of Roosevelt Center defined by Jordan, both passed 6-1, with Roberts dissenting on both. Staff will have to prepare an ordinance reflecting council’s direction for consideration and enactment at future meetings.

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# American Legion Honors Police Officers, Firefighters

by Carol Griffith

Commitment to the community and dedication to duty are the qualities held in common by the “hometown heroes” who were honored at the American Legion Post 136’s annual Public Safety Awards ceremony on November 7, at the Post hall on Greenbelt Road. Held each autumn, the event is sponsored and organized as part of the “Americanism” promotion of the American Legion.

Among the attendees were numerous officials of the American Legion, Mayor Emmett Jordan, and all members of the Greenbelt City Council.

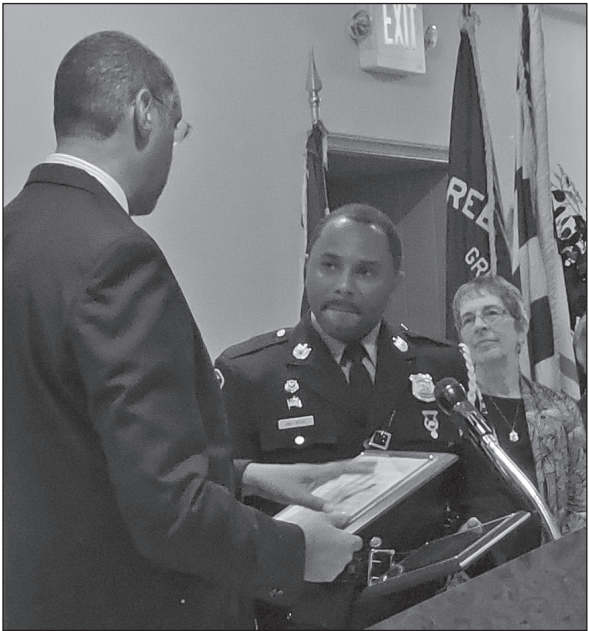
Captain Thomas Kemp of the Greenbelt Police Department, standing in for Chief James Craze, honored Corporal Jermaine O. Gullledge as Police Officer of the Year for his “simply outstanding work.” Gullledge has been an officer in the Greenbelt Police Department since 2003, beginning in the patrol division. He rose to the rank of detective in the criminal investigation unit in 2009 and in 2014 was promoted to corporal in the patrol division.

While in the criminal investigation unit, Gullledge was the lead investigator for “dozens” of serious felony investigations, Kemp noted, and has trained new detectives. During his career in Greenbelt, Gullledge has received over 30 awards “for actions above and beyond, benefitting his community and our region.”

Kemp also presented a surprise Career Service Award to administrative coordinator Jocelyn “Jackie” Curley for her 28 years of service to the Greenbelt Police Department “with devotion and dedication to the highest degree possible.”

Lt. Russ Fennelly, of the United States Park Police Baltimore/Washington Parkway Station, announced Officer Matthew Manning as Police Officer of the Year, for the second year in a row. During this year, Manning wrote over 700 traffic citations and made 95 arrests, the bulk of which were for driving under the influence. Additionally, he trained in crash investigation and reconstruction. Fennelly praised Manning for his dedication to his profession “that goes beyond the call of duty.”

Chief Thomas Ray of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Com-



Mayor Emmett Jordan reads a citation that honors Cpl. Jermaine Gullledge as Police Officer of the Year.



Jocelyn "Jackie" Curley is recognized for 28 years of service to the Police Department.



Officer Matthew Manning, Police Officer of the Year of the U.S. Park Police Baltimore/Washington Parkway Station, received the honor for the second year in a row.

pany 35, named John R. “Little Randy” Krob the Firefighter of the Year for 2014. He is being honored for holding himself and the firefighters he supervises to a “high standard of dedication

and professionalism.” Lt. Krob is a second-generation firefighter. He put his firefighting career on hold when he joined the Army and served overseas for four years.

Jane Schmidt was named Emergency Medical Technician of the Year for the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Company 14, by Chief Danny McCoy. During her 20 years of service, McCoy remarked, Schmidt has maintained the medical supplies needed by the company and now serves as the quality assurance officer. “She can always be counted on,” McCoy added.

McCoy also named Everett Hoffman the Firefighter of the Year. Hoffman is responsible for volunteer staffing for the company and the readiness of the operating apparatus. McCoy noted Hoffman’s reliability, adding “I can count on him for anything.”

Greenbelt Public Works Department’s acting director James Sterling gave special recognition to former director Kenneth Hall, and then named as Employee of the Year Brian Townsend.

Townsend, who grew up in Greenbelt, was hired as a crewman in the Parks Department in 1988 and in 2001 was promoted to horticultural supervisor. He is certified as an arborist, a horticulturist, pesticide applicator, and sediment erosion specialist. Townsend is licensed as a roadside tree expert and in 2014 was instrumental in helping Greenbelt conduct a digitized roadside tree inventory. Sterling praised Townsend for his professionalism and dedication to the citizens of Greenbelt.

Sterling also explained the close relationship of Public Works to the police and fire departments: Public Works employees respond to city emergencies by assessing damage then developing and implementing responses to the situation. We are fortunate to have such dedicated men and women working together on our behalf.

## Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robbery

November 13, 7:02 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A man entered the Hunan China Restaurant, approached the cashier and produced a handgun while announcing a robbery. He fled after obtaining money.

### Theft

November 15, 9 a.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. Two parcel packages were taken from the front stoop area of a residence.

November 15, 9:43 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A dark blue Pacifica brand mountain bike was removed from a balcony.

### Trespass

November 15, 7:24 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Two non-resident men, one 27 years old and the other 36, were arrested and charged with trespass after

they were located on the grounds of Franklin Square Apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. They were released on citations pending trial.

### Vehicle Crime

A green 4-door 1996 Nissan Maxima with Md. tag 8DXR20 was stolen from 1 Court Southway on November 18.

Theft from a possibly unlocked automobile occurred in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road (Beltway Plaza Mall) where a laptop computer, clothing and food processor were taken.

Vandalism was reported in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway (tire was slashed and paint scratched) and 7900 block Mandan Road (rear window was broken).

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A Review

Rexford Review Celebrates and Swings

by Charlie Handsler

On Friday, October 17, at the American Legion Post 136 in Greenbelt, time was turned back to the 1940s for the third annual Rexford Revue. The Rexford Revue, the promotional fundraiser for the Greenbelt Museum, was organized by museum staff and the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum. It is named in honor of Rexford Guy Tugwell. Tugwell was a Columbia University economist who served as a part of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s vaunted “Brain Trust,” a group of advisors who developed most of Roosevelt’s New Deal policies. He was also Roosevelt’s head of the Resettlement Administration.

Tugwell devised the Green Towns concept, which later became the inspiration for the town of Greenbelt, and brought Roosevelt to visit the location where Greenbelt would eventually be built.

The Rexford Revue’s theme this year was the United States homefront during World War II. Attendees were encouraged to dress retro or vintage and most people attending had 1940s style clothing. There was even one man in a USO-inspired uniform. The Legion Post was covered wall to wall with copies of World War II homefront posters.

Allison Titman, board president for Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, said this year’s Rexford Revue was the “first time we’ve had a program and members of the community sponsored and advertised this event.” She speculated that there were at least 50 people attending the Revue and she was thrilled with the turnout for the evening.

Two cardboard cutouts of President Franklin Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor were available at the Revue for picture-taking purposes to celebrate the famous couple’s role in the founding of Greenbelt.

Megan Searing-Young, Greenbelt Museum curator said, “Our annual fundraiser really covers the period from 1937 (when Greenbelt was founded) to 1952. We think of that thematically as covering both the Great Depression and World War II. We do a lot of programming concerning the Depression. We thought a World War II-USO canteen-swing dance theme would lend itself well to a fundraising event.”

Searing-Young rated the overall success of the event, “We are really pleased with the turnout. This is probably the most successful Revue so far,” but also added, “We wouldn’t be able to do this without our volunteers.”

The Seth Kibel Quartet performed swing music throughout the event, and Gottaswing, America’s largest exclusively swing dance instruction company, held on-site swing dance lessons for Revue goers.

Rene Goolman, who was dressed in 1940s garb and was a first time attendee of the Rexford Revue, said she had a “great time” time at the Revue and thought the “dancers (at the event) were amazing.”

Goolman got a quick dance lesson from the Gottaswing instructors and said that, although she does not live in Greenbelt, she loves to come to the town for its “history, commitment and passionate people,” and for the fact that it



PHOTO BY CHARLIE HANDSLER

Dancers at the Greenbelt Museum’s Rexford Review tripped the light fantastic during the dancing.

“feels very hometown.”

Even Greenbelt’s Mayor Emmett Jordan took part in the fun. “I took dance lessons up there [the Legion dance area] and it was a lot of fun.”

Jordan said he was pleased he could attend the Revue and show his support for the Greenbelt Mu-

seum.

The Revue also included a silent auction put together by local businesses and had a menu designed by Jerome & Sons’ Jeremy Ehrenreich, who was inspired by items that typically were produced by World War II victory gardens.

Victory gardens were private

gardens people used during the World War II homefront time period to grow their own vegetables so there would be more fruits and vegetables available for American soldiers overseas.

Charlie Handsler is a University of Maryland graduate student writing for the News Review.

Thanksgiving Service

An Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The offering collected will go to the Emergency Relief Fund for rental assistance. Checks should be made out to the “City of Greenbelt” with Emergency Relief Fund on the memo line.

New Deal Features Photos and Jewelry

An artists’ reception at the New Deal Café will be held Sunday, December 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. On view at the Café from now until December 31 is an exhibit entitled Three Years of Landscapes and Wildlife in National Parks. Dramatic, vibrant and intimate photos of Melvin Black’s experiences in nature bring the viewer to wonder and wander. Regarding his photographic experiences Mel wrote: “A question I always ask myself when I bring my camera to my eye is - what is this picture about? Can I transfer what my eyes see, using the tools at hand, to make a final print that represents what I believe I experienced during that moment in the past?”

Regional jeweler Mary Ann Beall has stunning pieces of work on display. Beall began her artistic endeavors as a potter. She uses stones and silver metal clay that is fired like pottery but on a smaller scale.

Max Ochs, a blues fingerstyle acoustic guitarist, will be performing during the reception.

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# Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Holds Annual Meeting

by Joe Timer

The 55 members of Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) who attended the Co-op’s annual meeting on November 8 listened as Manager Bob Davis and Treasurer Joe Timer highlighted store operations and the financial results for the fiscal year ending July 31. GCC reports its financial results once its auditors have completed their review of the store’s operations and its accounting records.

Total income before patronage refunds and bonuses was \$70,867 for fiscal year 2014, but Co-op reported a net loss of \$221,554. The surplus evaporated when Co-op wrote off \$227,421 in stock of its primary supplier, Associated Wholesalers, Inc. (AWI). Timer stated that “In September 2014, Co-op was notified that AWI had declared bankruptcy and its assets would be sold at an auction in late October. That auction occurred and the winning bidder was approved by the Court on October 29. Some 50 vendors supply Co-op, but AWI was Co-op’s primary supplier.”

Because of AWI’s bankruptcy, Co-op will still be getting groceries from AWI, but not everything that it requires. Co-op has also been getting some groceries from another major supplier. Bob Davis said “Co-op is looking at its options, and will work with a primary supplier capable of meeting its needs at the most competitive prices.”

When AWI became Co-op’s main supplier about 13 years ago, AWI required that Co-op purchase its stock. Co-op paid approximately \$120,000 for that stock, which was working capital for AWI, similar to member capital for the Co-op. During the last 13 years, AWI paid patronage refunds—both cash (\$358,101) and additional stock (\$95,988). That stock, as of July 31, 2014, was valued at \$227,421 on Co-op’s balance sheet.

Despite the overall loss, the



IRS does not allow the extraordinary loss of \$227,421 to be recognized when calculating corporate income tax. The surplus of \$70,867 would have been subject to a tax bill of approximately \$14,000.

### Employee Bonus

The board decided to pay a small employee bonus of \$9,000 and a patronage refund of \$56,000, which effectively eliminated the need for tax payments. By adding \$56,000 to members’ capital and not distributing any cash, Co-op improved its cash flow. All of the patronage refund will be added to the member’s capital account.

Why is keeping that \$14,000 in the Co-op important? Co-op’s new supplier will likely require that Co-op deposit funds with them as part of that relationship. Co-op is taking those steps to ensure the organization has sufficient cash to both make that deposit and continue funding its operations.

Davis noted that the large wholesaler that purchased AWI at auction has indicated they will soon be filling all of Co-op’s grocery needs. Davis believes that improved grocery supplies will yield improved sales.

Sales totaled \$12.5 million during FY14, a decrease of 2.2 percent. A 6.7 percent decrease in pharmacy sales accounted for most of the decrease in total

sales. Pharmacy sales started declining in fall 2012 as some plans required participants to get prescriptions by mail or from other pharmacies. Also, as drugs go off patent, they are frequently replaced by cheaper generic versions.

Currently, Co-op has 9,910 members; 1,847 are voting members (those with \$100 in their member account) and 4,159 are active members who shop at the store. Co-op’s member capital totals \$1.04 million, with \$704,482 in member interest capital. During FY14, the board reduced the interest rate paid on member interest capital from 5 percent annually to 4 percent annually. This is effective with the next recognition of this expense later this calendar year.

### Electronic Security

Davis also noted that the Co-op’s electronic security problems during spring 2014 did impact the store’s operations. Tests by a cyber security company and the U.S. Secret Service did not identify Co-op’s equipment as the source of the security lapse. Nevertheless, Co-op invested \$25,000 in new equipment that greatly enhanced safety and security of its electronic payment transactions.

Davis said that the Co-op was again participating in the Food for All program that benefits the Capital Area Food Bank. Last year, Co-op members and patrons donated \$4,000 to the food bank.

Incumbents Barbara Ford and Linda Ivy were elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms. Marsha Voigt did not run for re-election. Since no other members responded to Co-op’s board solicitation, one board position remains vacant.

The meeting concluded with the awarding of 11 door prizes, and then with cutting a cake to celebrate Co-op’s 30th anniversary.

# Alight Dance Theater Receives Cassels Award

by Leta Mach

It certainly would have been appropriate if this year’s recipient of the Jim Cassels Community Service Award did a happy dance when the award was announced at the Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative annual meeting on November 8. After all, the community group selected for the \$1,200 award is the alight dance theater.

Angella Foster, artistic director and president of alight dance theater, accepted the award from Kira Cassels, Jim Cassels’ granddaughter. Kira Cassels was thrilled to be presenting the award to a fellow dancer.

Alight Dance Theater will use the award to offer a free performance of its latest work, *Frontline: Women of a Forgotten War*, at the Community Center in May 2015. This work which tells the story of the burdens and opportunities for women during the War of 1812, was created as part of the recent commemoration of that war and received two ticketed performances at the Bowie Center for the Arts. As part of the free performance in Greenbelt, the audience will be able to meet the costume designers for

the show and learn a dance from the period.

This year’s award was the ninth that the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative has presented in memory of Jim Cassels and his legacy of community involvement. Previous recipients include Beaverdam Watershed Watch Group, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, Greenbelt Tennis Association, Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA), Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and Friends of Still Creek.

The 2013 award was given to Greenbelt MakerSpace, formerly known as Club 125. At the Co-op annual meeting, Jennifer Page reported that to facilitate a Repair Café, Greenbelt MakerSpace provided tools and materials to help people work together on repairs to clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles, crockery, appliances, toys, jewelry and more. Electricians, seamstresses, carpenters, bicycle mechanics and other specialists helped people make their repairs.




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Angella Foster (right), artistic director of alight dance theater, accepts the Jim Cassels Community Service Award from Kira Cassels, granddaughter of Jim Cassels.

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Thursday, December 4, 2014

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- Architectural Review Committee Report: Postponement of Contest for Additions
- Investment Committee Report to the Board of Directors
- Recommendation for Changes to Rental Policy Re: Penalty for Unauthorized Rentals of Units
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- Board of Director’s Recommendations Re: Building Envelope Improvements for the Homes Improvement Program
- Buildings Owner’s Insurance Policy Renewal, 1st Reading
- 2015 GHI Budget Expenditure Authorization, 1st Reading
- Contract for Preparing Survey & Engineering Drawings Re: Right-of-Way Abandonments, 2nd Reading

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## Electronics Recycling Event

by Sharadha Kalyanam

October 25 was a day for Greenbelters to get even more green as the Department of Public Works held the electronics recycling event on their grounds off Crescent Road.

As many as 197 vehicles drove into the grounds as Luisa F. Robles, sustainability coordinator at the department, ushered them in so that participants could drop off their appliances for recycling.

“It is important to recycle everything we consume. Otherwise it goes into the earth. We are saving energy and materials that we are taking from the earth,” she said.

She said that metal, plastic, glass, and a lot of gold, silver and copper coming from these appliances can be reused.

“If those are just taken to the landfill they may get leached, and we don’t want them to dissolve in the water,” she said.

The electronics recycling event is nearly a decade old and happens four times a year, typically in July, October, January and April. People brought in televisions, radios, computers, laptops, telephones, tablets, cellphones and old technology like Discmans and record players, Robles said.

According to data from the Department of Public Works, there was an increase in the weight of electronics recycled between 2000, which was when the recycling event started, and the year 2010. Since then, the size of electronics items has decreased and the weights have gone down although the number of items recycled may be more, Robles says.

“Before, the electronics were much larger and we used to have fairly large TVs; once we switched to the compact television sets, the weights have decreased,” Robles said.

Talking about the event on Saturday, Robles added, “It was a beautiful day and a great time. Many people even came by foot and put in that extra effort.”

The participants included mostly people from Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights. “On occasions we get people from other locations and we let them recycle too,” she added.

Bruce Mangum drove in to drop off his 20-year-old television set and also brought electronics that his elderly neighbors could not drop off themselves. The resident of Ridge Road who works for Greenbelt Homes Inc. said that he has been recycling waste ever since the city of Greenbelt developed this program.

“Greenbelt takes great pride in protecting its environment and making things better for the

next generation. When I have something that is not usable anymore, I can go and drop it off. Previously I’ve dropped off computers, cellphones and anything that was electronic and had very toxic materials in it. It is a quick 30 second trip and there is staff to help you put it in its proper place,” he said.

The program has consistently been a hit in Greenbelt. In July this year, a total of 188 vehicles came in carrying electronic items weighing a total of 6,652 pounds, according to the data.

Last year 40,034 pounds of electronic weight was recycled, brought in by 893 vehicles and the year before that the number was 39,552 pounds by 869 vehicles.

“It helps me get rid of clutter that is stored up in the attic of my house and it helps get this stuff recycled and to reuse various parts of it. It keeps those things out of the ground, out of the air and dumpsites, helping future generations. We don’t have infinite land so it is better to recycle and reuse so that we keep our environment pristine,” said Mangum.

Unlike Mangum, for several residents this was the first time they were participating in the recycling process. Lespina Colby, a retired educator, brought a big printer in.

“It’s just too big and now the new ones are smaller. I used it when I was teaching in a summer camp. I think that if I pitched it out, it would take up space in the dumpster; when they recycle I assume they strip out whatever can be used in another capacity,” she said.

At the backyard of the public works grounds, city employees were busy ushering in vehicles, picking up the appliances being dumped and wrapping them in plastic sheets so that they could be transported.

William Smith, Refuse Recycling Supervisor, Department of Public Works, said, “The amount of articles discarded depends on the season. Close to Christmas we get more and more TVs because everyone is buying new TVs and computers.”

The recycling event was held twice a year in Schrom Hills Park earlier, he said. “And then it got so big that we started doing it here so that we can truck them together,” he said.

While polystyrene foam will be transported to Delaware, all the electronic items will be sent to Pennsylvania, Smith said.

*Sharadha Kalyanam is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.*

## Beauty Pageant Plans At Beltway Plaza

The Miss Merry Christmas Pageant will be held at Beltway Plaza Mall on Saturday, December 6, at 2 p.m. The pageant is for girls ages newborn to 27 years. Prizes are awarded in nine age groups: baby, tiny, little, little pee wee, pee wee, little miss, pre-teen, and miss divisions. Applications and brochures can be picked up at the Mall or printed from the website [www.pageantin-fo.com](http://www.pageantin-fo.com). Everyone receives a crown and trophy.

## The Toledo Blade Highlights Greenbelt

An article appearing in the November 9 issue of the Toledo (Ohio) Blade encourages readers visiting Washington, D.C., to venture beyond the usual fare of downtown landmarks to explore hidden gems in the Maryland suburbs, including NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and historic Greenbelt. The author highlights the interactive exhibits at the Goddard Visitor Center, the New Deal Café, the stone friezes outside the Community Center and the historic photographs within.

## Doctors Hospital Earns Recognition

Doctors Community Hospital has been recognized as a 2013 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of healthcare organizations in the United States. The hospital was recognized as part of The Joint Commission’s 2014 annual report “America’s Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety” for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. It is one of 1,224 hospitals in the United States to achieve the 2013 Top Performer distinction.

It is the second year Doctors Community Hospital has been recognized as a Top Performer. The hospital is one of only 712 hospitals to achieve the Top Performer distinction for the past two consecutive years.

## Bird Walk Thursday At Lake Artemesia

The Prince George’s Audubon Society will host a free guided walk at Lake Artemesia to see songbirds, waterfowl and other birds on Thursday, December 4 at 3 p.m. The walk loops around the 38-acre lake and along Indian Creek.

Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. All are welcome and no reservations are required. Binoculars are suggested. For more information call 301-509-2212.

# Memory Lane as War Zone

## One-act Play on Nov. 29

by Jim Link

A tight, beautifully acted, 70-minute, one-act play, *The Heroes’ Tale*, written by Cheryl Butler-Poole and directed by her husband Gregory Poole, is a fierce commentary on race relations in the Dupont Circle neighborhood of Washington, D.C., spanning the 1960s into the 1980s. The play was presented at the Greenbelt Arts Center in August, and is returning for two more performances on Saturday, November 29, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

At its core, the play focuses on a quartet of black men, good friends, who beguile their hours in Dupont Circle by drinking wine (Boone’s Farm!), sharing joints, playing chess, singing doo-wop a capella, talking smack and ogling women.

One night a young girl who has broken her leg in an alley is rescued by this unlikely bunch of Good Samaritans. Their good deed goes unrecognized, so low are they on the social totem pole – so invisible. Wryly dubbing themselves the Heroes of Dupont Circle, they cherish the memory of their basic decency through the years.

Over time civil rights protests also intensify. Gentrification dilutes the “chocolate” flavor of Dupont Circle with the arrival of white professionals and hippies. Racial friction continues to increase.

Butler-Poole plunges her heroes into a wide range of social, racial and sexual issues. She packs a wallop in her treatment of friendship, betrayal, rape, wrongful incarceration, pimping, miscegenation, family dysfunction (black and white) and oafish, virulent white racism. Mary Poppins it ain’t.

The author’s clinical sexual

slang and liberal use of the “N” word kept the audience alert. Her use of music was charming and thematically effective. The Rolling Stones’ *Time is on My Side* counterpoints Simon and Garfunkel’s *Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme*. Thyme is a troubled bi-racial young woman who is crucial to unriddling the play’s secrets. Don and Juan’s 1962 doo-wop classic *What’s Your Name?* points to Thyme’s exotic appellation. Amber Butler plays Thyme with convincing intensity and vulnerability.

The whole cast has great chemistry; everyone is smooth and professional. Poole plays Feets, the cracker barrel philosopher of the heroes. Thomas Freeman is TJ, good-hearted and mentally ill, who is roughed up by three white youths slumming in the ‘hood to the tune of the Beach Boys’ *I Get Around*. Ben Church, Danny Rovin and Todd Leatherberry are wonderfully odious.

Steve Langley is Black Jimmy, cracking wise about Suede’s *Mandingo* sexuality. Terrance Hawkins (Suede) is one detestable, smooth criminal. And Dena Colvin is excellent as the rich, blonde, white hippie chick, who wanders into Dupont Circle for all the wrong reasons.

There are some shockers that you might see coming and a deeply ambiguous ending, which gives food for thought.

After the play, director Poole, surrounded by the whole cast, invited the audience to comment on the evening’s wrenching, dramatic smorgasbord. It was a pleasure to see these professionals in a more natural, relaxed state. Heck, even the wicked Suede seemed likeable.

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The sixth annual Magnolia Walk for Education took place on October 30. Pictured from left: Tamarin O'Neill, Dustin Navarrosa, Caleb Penley, Ayanna Parker, Jennifer Romero.

# Magnolia Elementary Walk for Education

by Joan Nachman

On October 30 Magnolia Elementary students and teachers celebrated their sixth annual Walk for Education. This is a school-wide event that helps to promote a healthy lifestyle by encouraging students to enjoy exercise and to eat healthy.

Prior to the actual event date, students solicited pledges from friends and family members to sponsor them. All donations went toward the healthy school programs and related events for the school.

While students walked, staff and students enjoyed listening to music and chatting with classmates and friends. For the past six years Magnolia students and teachers have raised over \$10,000 for the healthy schools program. Joan Nachman, school guidance counselor, and Senate Beard, physical education teacher, coordinated the event.

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**Honeymoon cottage** in GHI. Single-level living with amazing fenced, landscaped yard. You'll feel like you're living in the English countryside!  
**Brick Townhome on Corner Lot** - 3 BR GHI home on a fenced lot just steps from Roosevelt Center. Enclosed 3-season porch, hardwood floors, \$150,900

**LAKEFRONT!**  
4 BR 3BA Rambler on Greenbelt Lake - Contract Pending

**1 Bedroom Upper Level GHI Home** - Large interior storage area. Carpeted throughout. In the heart of the area and ready to go! Bargain Priced at \$59,900  
**Hunting Ridge** - 2 bedroom condominium with new kitchen. 2 remodeled bathrooms. New washer/dryer, ceramic tiled bathroom. \$78,900

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**Hyattsville** - 3-Level Detached home - 2 bedrooms upstairs and room for 3rd in basement. Large landscaped yard. Addition & more. \$230,000  
**Takoma Park** - 3 br, 2 ba. Condo on 10th floor. Large new kitchen, completely customized with granite, stainless steel and secured garage parking. Amazing!  
**2-Story Addit. - Fenced Corner Lot** - 4 BR, 2 BA GHI townhome w/GAS heat, CAC, 2 fireps, screened porch, deck and multiple amazing features. WOW!  
**Corner Lot** - 3 BR home with modern kitchen w/d granite and hardwood throughout. Radiant floor, full bathroom. Enormous yard with screened porch.  
**Single-story End Unit** - Hardwood flooring, full kitchen, modern kitchen w/separate entrance, separate lot w/ spacious shed & brick patio. \$67,900  
**Waldorf** - 3 Br, 1 1/2 Ba. Townhome with modern upgrades, large kitchen and newer appliances. Separate dining area with sliding glass doors. \$160,000  
**Block Townhome - Attached Garage** 2 bedroom w/ hardwood floors. Remodeled kitchen, full bathroom, hardwood flooring on lower level. Very nice!  
**Block Townhome - Addition** - Remodeled kit. With s/s appls, granite ctrs, d/w. Cherry wood flrs, fenced yds, 1st flr. addition used as den/bedroom.  
**GHI Block Townhome** - 3 Br unit with upgraded kitchen, separate dining area & laundry on 2nd floor. Large Shed! Short walk to Roosevelt Center.  
**Brick GHI Townhome** - 11' x 17' master bedroom, 2nd br. Large-capacity front-loading w/d in sep. laundry area. Laminate flooring downstairs.  
**Corner Lot With Addition** - 2 br GHI frame townhome with front addition & cath. ceilings. Remodeled throughout, modern kit. & more. Large deck & shed.  
**2-Story Addition** - Nearly double the sq. ft. of other GHI units. 3 bedrooms, modern kit, large lr. Tiered deck, fenced yards with lots of shade trees. Nice!

**Your Greenbelt Specialists In Roosevelt Center**



# FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 2014

The Festival of Lights is a seasonal celebration with activities for all ages. Neighbors of all backgrounds and traditions are invited to come together in a spirit of peace and hope. We celebrate the sense of community that will warm our hearts during the cold winter ahead, and contemplate with joyous anticipation how we aspire to shine brightly in the new year to come!



## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

**Friday, December 5th  
Begins at 7:00pm**

**Greenbelt Community Center front lawn. All ages welcome. FREE!**

Holiday lights will adorn the tree in the traditional spirit of the Festival of Lights season. A musical performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will herald Santa's grand entrance to help light the tree. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Recreation Department.

City of Greenbelt  
Department of Recreation  
25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Business Office: 301-397-2200

**DECO THE HALLS!**  
**December 5th, 7pm-9pm at 10-B Crescent Road**  
in conjunction with the city's Tree Lighting. Free admission. See the Greenbelt Museum's historic house, decorated for the holidays in vintage style. Gift shop open.

## JURIED ART AND CRAFT FAIR

**Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road**  
**FREE admission and hands-on crafts! More Information: 240.542.2057**

Shop for original, hand-made wares, direct from local artisans. Also, Greenbelt Museum gifts and books by local authors. Great gifts for all occasions!

**Saturday, December 6 from 10am-5pm**  
Enter a drawing to win \$50 in Art Bucks to spend at the fair on Sunday!

**Sunday, December 7 from 11am-4pm**

**1pm - 3pm:** Free Monoprint Workshop with Kathy Karlson, Artist in Residence  
**1pm - 4pm:** GAVA/GATE Youth Animation Open House  
**1pm - 5pm:** Tour the Greenbelt Museum Historic House, decorated for the holidays (\$3, 10-B Crescent Road)  
**1:30 - 3:30pm:** The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Band will perform in the Community Center gym.

**During all Fair Hours:** Greenbelt Arts Center benefit café Artists in Residence studio open house and sale.




## Greenbelt Farmers Market HOLIDAY MARKET

**Sunday, December 7 from 10am - 2pm**  
Wreaths, gift baskets and comestibles.  
Outdoors behind the Greenbelt Municipal Building (25 Crescent Road)

Recreation Facility Holiday Hours:

DATE	GCC	GAFC	YC/SHLRC
11/27	CLOSED	8AM-4PM	12PM-4PM
11/28	9am-4pm	6am-10pm	12pm-9:45pm
12/24	9am-4pm	6am-5pm	12-5pm
12/25	CLOSED	12pm-4pm	12-4pm
12/31	9am-4pm	6am-5pm	12-5pm
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For more information on upcoming classes, programs, and events go to [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) or call the Recreation Business Office at 301.397.2200




## SANTA'S VISIT

**Greenbelt Youth Center  
99 Centerway  
Saturday, December 13  
10am-12pm**  
**For all ages. FREE!**

Santa has fit time into his busy holiday schedule! All the children will receive a FREE picture with Santa.





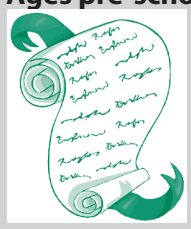
## ELVES WORKSHOP

**Saturday, December 13  
1:30pm - 3:30pm**  
**Greenbelt Youth Center  
99 Centerway  
Ages 7-12, \$5/Child**  
**Pre-registration required.**

Children will bake holiday cookies and make a beautiful holiday craft.  
Instructor: Gaye Houchens

## NORTH POLE CALLING

**December 16-December 18, 6pm-7:30pm**  
**Ages pre-school through second grade. FREE!**



Santa and his helpers will make a special CALL to your home to check whether your kids are being naughty or nice. Complete the informational flier available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) and throughout the City facilities for your child's opportunity to chat.


Return flyer by 12/15 to the Greenbelt Youth Center.



## HOLIDAY MOVIE "ELF"

**Saturday, December 13  
6:30pm SHARP**  
**Greenbelt Youth Center,  
99 Centerway**  
**FREE!**

Bring your own blanket or chair.



## RESOLUTION SWIM

**Wednesday, January 1,  
9am-12noon**  
**Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway**  
**Register at GAFC front desk. \$5 per person.**

Say hello to 2015 with a New Year's Day resolution swim at the Greenbelt Aquatics and Fitness Center. Set a goal and get an early start to your fitness resolution. Lap swimming and water walking available.

## LOCAL EVENTS:



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with American Legion Post 136  
**Saturday, December 6,  
8am-11 a.m.**  
Children 12 and younger - Free w/  
Paying Adult All others - \$7/person  
At the American Legion Post 136,  
6900 Greenbelt Rd, Greenbelt, MD  
Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate, milk, and orange juice. Bring camera for picture with Santa! Info: 301-474-8964



## GREENBELT EAST TREE LIGHTING

**Sunday, December 7, 6pm**  
**Greenbriar Community Building-  
FREE**  
Open to all ages.  
Information: 301-441-1096

## GREENBELT CONCERT BAND HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONCERT

**Sunday, December 14, 3pm**  
**Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road. FREE**

Enjoy an afternoon of holiday music presented by the Greenbelt Concert Band

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GCC= Greenbelt Community Center, GAFC=Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, YC/SHLRC= Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center